

**HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2011**

PRESENT: Okie Allen, Melanie Blechl, Laura Feldhake, Steven Klapperich, Edward Korabic, Patricia Willis, Marilyn Workinger, Peter Zellmer

EXCUSED: Samuel Gubbels

STAFF: Dan Williams, Bureau Director; Colleen Baird, Legal Counsel; Kimberly Wood, Bureau Assistant; and other Department Staff

GUESTS: Todd Beyer, International Hearing Society (IHS)

CALL TO ORDER

Edward Korabic, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum of eight (8) was confirmed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments to the Agenda:

- Item K-5: DOE Matters (open session) **ADD**: the item title listed below under the item titled "Items Received After Printing of the Agenda"
 - a. "Screening Panel Member Appointment"
- Item K-8: Practice Questions/Issues (open session) **ADD**: the item title listed below under the item titled "Items Received After Printing of the Agenda"
 - a. Scope of Practice Concerns Relating to Ear Candling
- Item K-11: Speaking Engagements, Travel or Public Relation Requests (open session) **ADD**: the item title listed below under the item titled "Items Received After Printing of the Agenda"
 - a. "Board Consideration of Speaking Request from the Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals for January 2012"

MOTION: Okie Allen moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2011

MOTION: Steven Klapperich moved, seconded by Okie Allen, to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2011 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012

CHAIR

NOMINATION: Okie Allen nominated Peter Zellmer as Board Chair. Nomination carried by unanimous consent.

Edward Korabic called three times for other nominations for the office of Board Chair.

Peter Zellmer was elected as Board Chair.

VICE CHAIR

NOMINATION: Peter Zellmer nominated Edward Korabic as Vice Chair. Nomination carried by unanimous consent.

Edward Korabic called three times for other nominations for the office of Vice Chair.

Edward Korabic was elected as Vice Chair.

SECRETARY

NOMINATION: Okie Allen nominated Steven Klapperich as Secretary. Nomination carried by unanimous consent.

Edward Korabic called three times for other nominations for the office of Secretary.

Steven Klapperich was elected as Secretary.

2012 ELECTION RESULTS	
Chair	Peter Zellmer
Vice Chair	Edward Korabic
Secretary	Steven Klapperich

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Dan Williams reported to the Board regarding the following issues:

- Change in the date of the Case Advisory Training.
- Today will be Laura Feldhake's last meeting as she is moving out of state and subsequently resigning her position.
- Patricia Willis has been appointed to the Board to fill the seat previously held by Alma Peters.
- Review of the status of gubernatorial appointments to the Board.

Review of 2012 Meeting Dates:

The Board reviewed its 2012 meeting dates.

CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF A BOARD MEMBER TO REPORT DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO APPLICABLE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Okie Allen, that Marilyn Workinger contact American Speech-Language Hearing Association to provide a link to the Board's meeting dates on the Department website and a link to the disciplinary actions. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE PRACTICAL AND WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

The Board deferred this matter to the next meeting in order to allow more time for research of the examination requirements of other jurisdictions.

CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE TO PRESENT AT THE WISCONSIN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION MILWAUKEE, WI – FEBRUARY 23-25, 2012

The Board discussed designation of a member to speak at the Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association Annual Convention in February 2012.

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Laura Feldhake, to designate Edward Korabic, Marilyn Workinger and Patricia Willis to speak at the Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association Annual Convention in February 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

STATUS OF LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Update Regarding Methods Utilized by the Department for Communicating Changes Resulting from the Enactment of CR 11-017

Dan Williams informed the Board of the efforts pursued by the Department to communicate changes resulting from the enactment of CR 11-017.

RULE WRITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Colleen Baird and Sharon Henes provided a status update to the Board regarding its pending rules: HAS 6.18, Wis. Admin. Code, relating to discipline, and HAS 6.10, relating to audiology temporary licenses. A report outlining the status of rule promulgation for its pending rule projects was distributed for Board review.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER PRINTING OF THE AGENDA

1) **Presentations of Petition(s) for Summary Suspension**

None.

2) **Presentation of Proposed Stipulation(s), Final Decision(s) and Order(s)**

None.

3) **Presentation of Proposed Final Decision and Order(s)**

None.

4) **Informational Item(s)**

None.

5) **DOE Matters**

a. **Screening Panel Member Appointment:**

The Board noted the vacancy on the Board's screening panel due to the resignation of Alma Peters. Edward Korabic appointed Patricia Willis to the screening panel in response to the vacant position.

6) **Education and Examination Matters**

None.

7) **Credentialing Matters**

None.

8) **Practice Questions/Issues**

a. **Scope of Practice Concerns Relating to Ear Candling**

The Board discussed concerns relating to ear candling and the performance of this service by professions outside of the Board's purview. The Board concluded that an advisory notification regarding the non-effective nature of ear candling would be best addressed by a national organization. Edward Korabic will notify the American Audiology Association of the Board's concerns relating to ear candling.

9) **Legislation/Administrative Rule Matters**

None.

10) **Liaison Report(s)**

None.

11) **Speaking Engagement(s), Travel, or Public Relation Request(s)**

a. **Board Consideration of Speaking Request from the Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals for January 2012**

Peter Zellmer and Okie Allen informed the Board of a request from the Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals for a member of the Board to provide a presentation on ethics in January 2012.

MOTION: Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Steven Klapperich, to designate Peter Zellmer and Okie Allen to represent the Board at the Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals on January 12, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE OR INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

Colleen Baird provided the Board with a draft FAQ relating to the use of unlicensed assistants by Hearing Instrument Specialists, Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists. The Board discussed the draft document and provided revision feedback to Colleen Baird.

The Board was informed by Laura Feldhake that the Department of Public Instruction has contacted the Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association with concerns relating to Subchapter III, with reference to the use of unlicensed personnel as assistants.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Okie Allen, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (a)); to consider closing disciplinary investigation(s) with administrative warning(s) (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (b) and Wis. Stat. § 440.205); consider individual histories or disciplinary data (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (f)) and to confer with legal counsel (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (g)). Motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote. Okie Allen-yes; Melanie Blechl-yes; Laura Feldhake-yes; Steven Klapperich-yes; Edward Korabic-yes; Patricia Willis-yes; Marilyn Workinger-yes; and Peter Zellmer-yes.

Open session recessed at 2:16 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Steven Klapperich, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS DELIBERATED IN CLOSED SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE PRACTICAL AND WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

The Board deferred this matter to the next meeting in order to allow more time for research of the examination requirements of other jurisdictions.

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

Review of Case Status Report

The Board was provided with a report detailing the status of its pending enforcement cases.

Case Closings

05 HAD 017

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Laura Feldhake, to close case number 05 HAD 017 for insufficient evidence. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANTING OF LICENSES

MOTION: Okie Allen moved, seconded by Laura Feldhake, to ratify the examination scores of October 3, 2011 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Okie Allen moved, seconded by Steven Klapperich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.